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**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the actions dated May 8, 2006, rejecting claims 1, 7, 10, 12 and 41.

A Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review is enclosed.

The Director is authorized to charge \$250 to the Deposit Account No. 19-4293 for the appeal fee. Should this fee be in error, the Director is authorized to debit or credit Deposit Account No. 19-4293.

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